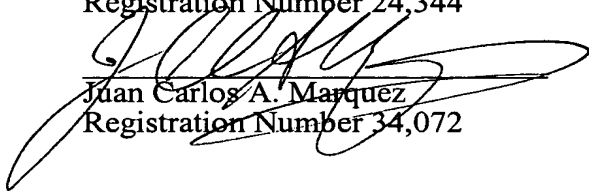


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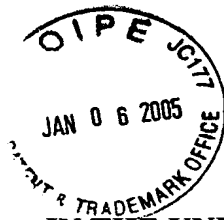
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Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 14, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2005. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

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